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5. New drawings are enclosed, twenty-eight (28) sheets, Figs. 1-36.

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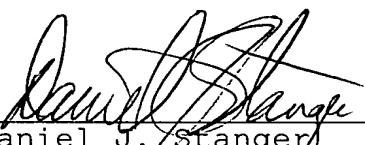
7. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.

8. Priority of the following Japanese patent applications is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 2000-320794, filed October 20, 2000.

The certified priority document was filed in prior application Serial No. 09/978,708.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/978,708, as originally filed on October 18, 2001.

  
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